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SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE III

1. SEPTEL IS APPROVED NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HAVE
FULL INTER-AGENCY APPROVAL.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT ADEQUATE CONGRESSIONAL
CONSULTATIONS BE CONDUCTED BEFORE AGREEMENT IS FINALIZED,
SIGNED, AND BECOMES PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS CONCERNS SOME CONGRESSMEN HAVE ABOUT THE HAITI
SITUATION AND BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE MULTI-YEAR
COMMITMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS
SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL YOU ARE REASONABLY SURE AGREEMENT
CAN BE CONCLUDED ALONG LINES OF INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING
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MAJOR HAITIAN REFORMS.

3. WHEN (AND IF) NEGOTIATIONS REACH STAGE AT WHICH YOU
BELIEVE THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED IN FAIRLY
BRIEF PERIOD, PLEASE NOTIFY US. WE WELCOME AND WILL
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESSIONAL
CONSULTATIONS AND YOUR FIRST-HAND VIEW WILL BE INVALUABLE.

4. WE BELIEVE CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT BEFORE IT BECOMES PUBLIC AND THE EXTENT OF GOH REFORM MEASURES COULD GAIN SUPPORT KEY CONGRESSMEN AND THEREBY DEFLECT CRITICISM OF ARRANGEMENT FROM CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERS CONCERNED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND ENHANCE CHANCES OF ACCEPTANCE OF PROGRAM BY CONGRESS.

5. TO GAIN CONGRESSIONAL ASSENT DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL WE BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT USES OF FUNDS WILL BE ADEQUATELY MONITORED, ESPECIALLY FUNDS RELATED TO INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS, AND THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE GUARANTEES HAITIAN REFORMS WILL TRULY BE IMPLEMENTED OR PROGRAM CAN BE HALTED AT ANY TIME IF GOH IS NOT COMPLYING WITH ITS COMMITMENTS. ALSO WILL NEED TO ASSURE CONGRESS THAT SUCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE AS MAY BE FREED BY EXPANDED PL-480 WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT OVERALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT.

6. GOOD LUCK IN A TOUGH NEGOTIATION. COOPER

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